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acquisition step so that related information related to said information recording medium can be acquired from said information server, wherein said related information includes at least one information of a list of music title, a lyric, a singer, a homepage of the singer, a lyricist, a composer, players, a title of the information recording medium, a picture of jacket of the information recording medium, and a producer of the information recording medium.

A copy of the marked up amended claims is attached to this response showing the changes as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

REMARKS

Claims 57, 59, 63, 65, 66, 68, and 72-78 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 64 is canceled. Independent claims 57, 65, 66, 68, and 75-78 are amended to recite "automatically initiating". Support for this amendment is found in the specification. No new matter is added.

Applicants gratefully appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Kang to Applicants' representative, Jonathan Kidney, during the Personal Interview conducted on October 18, 2002. The substance of the Interview is discussed below.

Applicant also respectfully submits that entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 since this Amendment: (a) does not raise any new issue regarding further search and/or consideration since it clarifies issues already discussed in the prosecution and in the Personal Interview; (b) does not present any additional claims; and (c) places the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the

Amendment is thus respectfully requested. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 57, 59, 63-66, 68 and 72-78 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Dunworth et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,930,474, hereinafter as "Dunworth") in view of Hidary et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,778,181, hereinafter as "Hidary") and further in view of Ozaki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,991,798, hereinafter as "Ozaki"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed upon in the Personal Interview, Dunworth, Hidary, Ozaki does not disclose or suggest at least the features of automatically initiating the "acquiring of address information" or "accessing said homepage" when the information recording medium is set in the reading means. Accordingly, as agreed upon in the Personal Interview, Dunworth, Hidary, Ozaki, individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest all the claimed features of Applicants' invention.

Claims 59 and 63 depend from claim 57 and claims 72-74 depend from claim 68. Thus, for at least the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection.

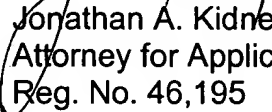
CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 107156-07043.

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Enclosures: Marked-Up Copy of Amended Claims
Petition for Extension of Time (two months)

MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS

57. (Twice Amended) An information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server through an Internet, comprising:

reading means, after setting an information recording medium in the reading means, for automatically initiating of information stored in said set information recording medium;

address-information acquisition means for acquiring address information automatically when said reading of information is initiated [after] upon said information recording medium [is] being set in said reading means, said address information indicating an address position of a homepage provided in said information server for transmitting related information related to said information recording medium, and corresponding to said information recording medium; and

related-information acquisition means for accessing said homepage through said Internet based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition means so that said related information related to said information recording medium can be acquired from said information server.

65. (Twice Amended) An information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server provided with related information related to an information recording medium through an Internet, comprising:

reading means for automatically initiating reading of information stored in said information recording medium which stores at least one music after setting said information recording medium;

address-information acquisition means for acquiring address information when

said reading of information is initiated [after] upon said information recording medium [is] being set in said reading means, said address information indicating an address position of a homepage provided in said information server for transmitting related information related to said information recording medium, and corresponding to said information recording medium; and

related-information acquisition means for accessing said homepage through said Internet based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition means, and thereby acquiring said related information from said information server, wherein said related information includes at least one information of a list of music title, a lyric, a singer, a homepage of a singer, a lyricist, a composer, players, a title of the information recording medium, a picture of jacket of the information recording medium, and a producer of the information recording medium.

66. (Twice Amended) An information recording medium, in which recorded information is read out by reading means provided in an information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server including a homepage through an Internet, and which is removable with said reading means, comprising:

address information of said homepage for allowing said information acquisition apparatus to access said homepage automatically when said reading of information is automatically initiated [after] upon said information recording medium [is] being set in said reading means, said address information being previously stored in and corresponding to said medium.

68. (Twice Amended) An information acquisition method for acquiring information by way of communicating with at least one information server through an Internet,

comprising:

[a] an automatic reading step, after setting an information recording medium onto information reading means, for automatically initiating reading of information stored in said set information recording medium by said information reading means;

an address-information acquisition step of acquiring address information automatically when said reading of information is automatically initiated [after] upon said information recording medium [is] being set in said reading means, said address information indicating an address position of a homepage provided in said information server for transmitting related information related to said information recording medium, and corresponding to said information recording medium; and

a related-information acquisition step of accessing said homepage through said Internet based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition step so that related information related to said information recording medium can be acquired from said information server.

75. (Twice Amended) An information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server through an Internet, comprising:

a reading unit, after setting an information recording medium in the reading unit, for automatically initiating reading of information stored in said set information recording medium;

an address-information acquisition unit for acquiring address information from said read out information automatically when said reading of information is initiated [after] upon said information recording medium [is] being set in said reading unit, said address information indicating an address position of a homepage provided in said

information server for transmitting related information related to said information recording medium, and corresponding to said information recording medium; and

a related-information acquisition unit for accessing said homepage through said Internet based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition unit so that said related information related to said information recording medium can be acquired from said information server.

76. (Twice Amended) An information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server provided with related information related to an information recording medium through an Internet, comprising:

a reading unit for automatically initiating reading of information stored in said information recording medium which stores at least one music after setting said information recording medium;

an address-information acquisition unit for acquiring address information when said reading of information is automatically initiated [after] upon said information recording medium [is] being set in said reading unit, said address information indicating an address position of a homepage provided in said information server for transmitting related information related to said information recording medium, and corresponding to said information recording medium; and

a related-information acquisition unit for accessing said homepage through said Internet based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition unit, and thereby acquiring said related information from said information server, wherein said related information includes at least one information of a list of music title, a lyric, a singer, a homepage of the singer, a lyricist, a composer, players, a

title of the information recording medium, a picture of jacket of the information recording medium, and a producer of the information recording medium.

77. (Once Amended) An information recording medium removably set on reading means provided on an information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server including a homepage, and storing at least one music read out by the reading means, comprising:

address information of said homepage for allowing said information acquisition apparatus to access said homepage automatically when said reading of information is automatically initiated [after] upon said information recording medium [is] being set in said reading means and to acquire related information of said information recording medium, said address information being previously stored in and corresponding to said medium,

wherein said related information includes at least one information of a list of music title, a lyric, a singer, a homepage of the singer, a lyricist, a composer, players, a title of the information recording medium, a picture of jacket of the information recording medium, and a producer of the information recording medium.

78. (Once Amended) An information acquisition method for acquiring information by way of communicating with at least one information server through an Internet, comprising:

[a] an automatic reading step, after setting an information recording medium onto information reading means, for automatically initiating reading of information stored in said set information recording medium by said information reading means;

an address-information acquisition step of acquiring address information

automatically when said reading of information is initiated [after] upon said information recording medium [is] being set in said reading means, said address information indicating an address position of a homepage provided in said information server for transmitting related information related to said information recording medium, and corresponding to said information recording medium; and

a related-information acquisition step of accessing said homepage through said Internet based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition step so that related information related to said information recording medium can be acquired from said information server, wherein said related information includes at least one information of a list of music title, a lyric, a singer, a homepage of the singer, a lyricist, a composer, players, a title of the information recording medium, a picture of jacket of the information recording medium, and a producer of the information recording medium.